

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AMBASSADOR FAITH WHITTLESEY

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of the late Ambassador Faith Whittlesey, a distinguished public servant and a native of New Jersey. I have also been asked to express the condolences of my colleagues Congressmen DON BEYER, JOAQUIN CASTRO, CHARLIE CRIST, BILL HUIZENGA and ALEX MOONEY as well as Senator BARRASSO, whose lives have all been touched by the work of Ambassador Whittlesey.

Ambassador Whittlesey was the U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland for nearly five years during both 1981–1983 and 1985–1988, and during the Reagan Administration she served as the Director of the Office of Public Liaison.

Her many roles in public life included time as the Chairwoman and President of the American Swiss Foundation in New York, and her service as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

During her influential career, Ambassador Whittlesey was a pivotal figure in building and developing Swiss and American relations, both domestically and abroad.

Ambassador Whittlesey was a graduate of Wells College and received her Law Degree from the University of Pennsylvania, earned a Ford Foundation Grant to attend the Academy of International Law in The Hague, The Netherlands.

During her career, she received honors such as the Reagan Revolution Medal of Honor, the Congress of Racial Equality Public Service Award, the Christian Freedom International Freedom Award, the Stratton Prize, and the William Tell Award. A book written by Thomas Carty centered on her career, entitled “Backwards, in High Heels: Faith Whittlesey, Ronald Reagan’s ‘Madam Ambassador’ in Switzerland and the West Wing”. Lastly, the Ambassador had the “Faith Whittlesey rose” named in her legacy.

These awards are a mere testament to Ambassador Whittlesey’s commendable dedication and leadership on behalf of our nation and the Swiss-United States relationship.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost an extraordinary, devoted person in Ambassador Faith Whittlesey. I invite you to join me in thanking her for many contributions to our country.

PHILIP SAHARCHUK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Philip Saharchuk for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Philip Saharchuk is a student at Two Roads Charter School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Philip Saharchuk is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Philip Saharchuk for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RETIREMENT OF JUDGE JULIA JENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to honor Judge Julia Jent and to wish her well upon her retirement. For her lifetime of service, and truly inspiring career, Judge Jent is worthy of the highest praise. Among her numerous contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana, most impressive is her compassionate and unwavering commitment to our veterans. The Judge will oversee her final Veterans Treatment Court graduation on May 30, 2018, at Woodland Park in Portage, Indiana.

Judge Julia Jent was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1957 when she was adopted by a military family from Texas. At the age of eighteen, she joined the United States Army. It was during her time in the service that she met her husband, Jack Jent, a fellow servicemember. Following their time in the military, the couple eventually moved to Northwest Indiana where they raised four children. After years of working a few different jobs, Julia decided to continue her education. In 1979, she received a Bachelor’s degree from Indiana University Northwest, and in 1982, she earned a law degree from Valparaiso University. Judge Jent worked thirteen years in private practice law, before she was appointed by former Governor Evan Bayh as Judge of the Porter Superior Court to fill the remainder of the term vacated by Judge Mary Harper, in 1997. She was then elected to a six-year term in 1998, and has presided over Porter Superior Court III for the past twenty-one years. In addition to her remarkable career, the Judge gives much of her time and efforts to numerous charitable and civic organizations, and for that she is to be commended.

Presiding as a Superior Court Judge, values such as respect for others, loyalty, and patriotism, instilled during her military service, as

well as her concern for the veterans appearing before her bench, served as the motivation for Judge Jent to establish a Veterans Treatment Court in Porter County. Recognizing many of our veterans struggle with addiction, mental health, and other issues after their time in the service of our nation, Judge Jent knew a more effective solution to address the nonviolent criminal charges veterans faced as defendants was to create a framework based on partnerships to focus on the root problem, rather than incarceration, and the Veterans Treatment Court was established in 2011. This court system allows defendants to participate in programs, including treatment and mentoring, that will meet their individual needs and take one to two years to complete before their record is expunged. The numerous graduates of this program attest to its success, and to it saving their lives, thanks to the dedicated professionals who share Judge Jent’s vision and her compassion and who work together to improve the lives of those in their community.

Personally, I have been blessed by the depth of Marge’s kindness. I first met the Judge in early 1983 when I was an unemployed lawyer beginning to seek my way in the world. From the first time I met her and Jack, I was enveloped in their friendship and constant assistance. I could not have been successful without it. But my story is not unique, but only one of innumerable instances of Judge Julia Jent’s empathy and kindness.

I am honored to call Julia Jent a friend. More importantly, Marge has been a friend to all, and the epitome of a public servant. Hers is a life we should all seek to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other colleagues join me in honoring Judge Julia Jent for her outstanding service to the people of Northwest Indiana and to wish her well upon her retirement. Judge Jent’s impact on the region will be witnessed by generations to come, and for her many contributions, she is worthy of our gratitude and admiration.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JOHN BABER

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a distinguished World War II veteran, Mr. John Baber, of Bath County, Kentucky.

As a young man, Mr. Baber answered the call and served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946. He was stationed in the South Pacific on the USS *Clermont*. Mr. Baber returned home after helping the Allies achieve victory. Upon his return, he finished school.

Mr. Baber married Rene Hornbeck on July 23, 1949. He moved to Platte City, Missouri to work at Texas Eastern. After a long career, he retired in 1986.

Mr. Baber went on to become a member of the Gideons in 1986. He has always been an

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